

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING  
(RULE 53(b)(1))

UTILITY APPLICATION

Rule 53(b)(1) PATENT APPLICATION:

Continuation ) application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)  
 Divisional )  
of pending prior application of

Group Art Unit: 3611

Inventor(s): GIROUARD et al.

Examiner: Unknown

Parent Appln. No.: 10 | 371,233 | Atty. Dkt. P 305449 | RP-01207-US3  
Series Code ↑ | Serial No. ↑ | New M# | Client Ref

Parent Filed: February 24, 2003

This Appln. Filed: August 7, 2003

Title: VEHICLE AND ADJUSTABLE STEERING SHAFT THEREFOR

03943 U.S. PTO  
0310/635930  
08/07/03

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 7, 2003  
(Parent Matter No. 291018)

Sir:

To effect the above-requested filing today:

1. Attached is a copy (which must be filed) of the prior application, including:

Abstract  
 Specification and claims (16 pages) (must be attached)  
 Drawings (must be attached if originally filed): 19 sheet(s)/set:  1 set informal;  Formal of size  A4  11"

1A. Always X one box, only:

(1)  Copy of Signed declaration or oath as originally filed in prior application attached  
(2)  NO declaration or fee is enclosed; therefore, this is a filing under Rule 53(f).

2.  This application is hereby filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Petition is hereby made requesting deletion as inventor(s) of the following who is/are not inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application (DELETE THE FOLLOWING INVENTOR(S)):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

2.5 THE INVENTOR(S) FOR THIS NEW APPLICATION IS(ARE):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

3. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference thereto.

4.  Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on filing in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (country)

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
(1) _____	_____	(2) _____	_____
(3) _____	_____	(4) _____	_____
(5) _____	_____	(6) _____	_____

a.  \_\_\_\_\_ (No.) Certified copy/copies attached.

b.  Certified copy/copies previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in  
U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
series code ↑ ↑ serial no.

c.  Certified copy/copies filed during International stage of PCT/ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

4(a). (a)  Domestic priority is claimed from PCT/ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
(b)  Benefit is claimed of Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

5.  Assignee (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

6.  Attached is the following number of Assignments (including original and all later successive ones by different assignors): \_\_\_\_\_ and respective new Cover Sheets. (Do NOT file old cover sheets.)

(Assignments in parent must be refiled with new Cover Sheets in this continuing application if you want it/them recorded against the continuing application.)

Please return the recorded Assignment to the undersigned.

7.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jeffrey D. Karceski, Reg. No. 35914

(Name and Reg. No.)

whose current address is as in item 8 below.

a.  Recognize as associate attorney John P. Darling, Reg. No. 44482, Post Office Box 10500, McLean, VA 22102

(Name, Reg. No. and Address)

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9. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. 10/ 371,233 filed February 24, 2003

No. 60/ 358,397 filed February 22, 2002

No. 60/ 358,400 filed February 22, 2002

No. PCT/ 09/ 877,212 filed June 11, 2001, which

designated the U.S. and that International Application  was  was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

9(a).  See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the first page of the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

10. **Small Entity Status →**  is Not claimed  is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)

(No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (not essential since 9/8/00) were/are:

filed in above prior application

attached.

11. Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof

(one box)  is being concurrently filed in that prior application (Use Form PAT-111).

(must be)  was previously filed in that prior application (Check length of prior extension).

(X'd)  is not necessary for copendency (Double check before X'ing this box).


  
16179 US PTO  
08/07/03

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing all of the documents cited by Applicant and the PTO in the parent application(s) relied upon under 35 USC 120 and referenced in item 9 above. Per Rule 98(d) copies of those documents are not required now. Please consider those documents and advise that they have been considered in this new application as by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

13.  Attached is a Rule 103(a) Petition to Suspend Action.

14.  **Please see** the attached Preliminary Amendment which reduces the number of claims for purposes of reducing the initial filing fee.

#### FILING FEE

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON

->->->CLAIMS AS FILED AND CHANGED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN ITEM 14<-<-<-

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				Large/Small Entity	Fee Code
15. Basic Filing Fee .....		Design Application	\$330/\$165		106/26
16. Basic Filing Fee .....		Utility Application	\$750/\$375	+0	101/201
17. Total Effective Claims	22	minus 20 =	2	x \$18/\$9	+0
18. Independent Claims	1	minus 3 =	0	x \$84/\$42	+0
19. If <u>any</u> proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present,			\$280/\$140	+0	104/204
20.			<b>Subtotal =</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
21. If "petition" box 13 above is X'd, add petition fee.....	\$130			+0	122
21A. If box 6 above is X'd, add Assignment recording fee .....	\$ 40			+0	581
22.	<b>TOTAL FILING FEE =</b>				<b>\$0</b>
	(carry forward to Item 31)				

23.  ATTACHED:

24.  See the attached Preliminary Amendment

25.  See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

26.

**ADDITIONAL FEE CALCULATION FOR  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PER BOXES 24/25**

	<b>Claims remaining after amendment</b>	<b>Highest number previously paid for</b>	<b>Present Extra</b>	<b>Additional Fee</b>	
				<u>Large/Small Entity</u>	<u>File Code</u>
27.	Total Effective Claims * _____	minus ** _____	0 = 0 x \$18/\$9 = \$ 0		(103/203)
28.	Independent Claims * _____	minus *** _____	0 = 0 x \$84/\$42 = + 0		(102/202)
29.	If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for the <u>first time</u> , add (per application) .....		\$280/\$140	+ 0	(104/204)
30.				ADDITIONAL FEE	\$ 0
31.				plus FEE from item 22 on page 3	+ 0
32.				<u>TOTAL FEE</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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**This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.**

**Pillsbury Winthrop LLP  
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**NOTE No. 1:** File this Request in duplicate with 2 postcard receipts (PAT-103) & attachments  
**NOTE No. 2:** Is extension in parent necessary for copendency? DOUBLE CHECK Item 11 above.  
 If yes, printout Pat-111 and head it in parent.